

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

The Santa Barbara Meeting.—Nearly six hundred in attendance, wonderful weather, an uncommon feeling of fellowship and of union in a common cause, these were among the factors which made the 47th annual session of the Medical Society of the State of California, at Santa Barbara, May 11-13, 1920, the best and the most fruitful in the history of the Society. The program was unusually strong. The absence of long discursive papers, the snappy, short addresses by men who knew their subjects, all contributed to unusual scientific value. Dr. John H. Graves of San Francisco was elected president-elect. Dr. John C. Yates of San Diego assumed the office of president, Dr. William Duffield of Los Angeles was elected first vice-president, Dr. Joseph Catton of San Francisco was elected second vice-president, and Dr. Saxton T. Pope of San Francisco was reelected secretary. It was decided that the session of 1921 should be held in San Diego. . . .

New Minimum Fees for Industrial Accident Work.—At the meeting of the House of Delegates May 11th, at Santa Barbara, the report of the Committee of the Council on Industrial Accident Work was adopted. Full report of the committee will be published in the July issue of the JOURNAL.

This is the result of a prolonged effort on the part of the Council to get more equitable fees for Industrial Accident cases. The State Society has never gone on record as accepting any fee schedule in this sort of work, and it is well recognized that the remuneration heretofore offered has been entirely inadequate. We have now officially accepted the standard of fees which have been agreed to by the Industrial Accident Commission and the carriers throughout the state. This is not a final adjustment. It is but the beginning of a graduated scale of compensation for surgical services, and it will be changed from time to time as conditions warrant. It is, however, a start in the right direction. . . .

"Better Health."—At last the long-looked-for day has arrived when the medical profession has available a medium for direct interpretation to the public, in readable, understandable form, of the facts and results of modern scientific medicine. What doctor has not lamented the lack of such a medium? What doctor but has wished time and time again for some way in which medical lore and scientific data could be carried accurately and with authority to the public? "Better Health" supplies this need. . . .

It is the organ of the League for the Conservation of Public Health, and its editor is Mr. Celestine J. Sullivan, the executive secretary of that organization. The League is here to stay. It has demonstrated its worth. It is very much alive. *It is in the fight.* It will win the fight. What fight? The only fight in which the doctor as a doctor is vitally interested. The fight for better and best health for every member of the body politic of these United States, starting in our own California. . . .

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

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Board Proceedings

A regular meeting of the Board of Medical Examiners will be held at Native Sons Hall, 414-430 Mason Street, San Francisco, from July 9th to 12th, 1945.

At this meeting legal hearings will be held in cases where licentiates of the Board have been cited to show cause why their California license should not be revoked for violation of one or more of the sections of the Business and Professions Code.

Petitions for modification of terms of probation, heretofore imposed, as well as for restoration of revoked certificates, will be considered during this meeting.

Written examinations for all classes of candidates licensed by the Board of Medical Examiners will be held, starting Tuesday, July 10th and continuing through Thursday, July 12th.

The next oral examination now scheduled will be conducted on August 11th at the Board office, Room 907 State Building, Los Angeles.

News

"Sheriff Ben J. Richardson said today Dr. Wesley L. Ricker, 43, Fresno, had been released on \$1,000 bail after Richardson arrested him in Weed, May 10th, on a charge of practicing medicine without a license. Ricker, who is said to maintain a home office in Fresno, has made periodic, advertised trips to this county over a period of many months." (Press dispatch dated Yreka, May 12th, published in *Sacramento Bee*, May 12, 1945.)

"The California Board of Medical Examiners announced today 147 out of 152 applicants passed the examination for physicians and surgeons held Feb. 28 to March 2 in Los Angeles. The highest mark was made by Stanwood Schmidt, Berkeley, who scored 90-1/9 per cent." (Press dispatch dated Sacramento, May 15, published in *San Francisco News*, May 15, 1945.)

Report from the Investigation Department discloses that on May 10, 1945, Anastasia Velasquez, unlicensed midwife, was arrested for practicing midwifery in Kern County without a license. The report stated that she was found guilty by Justice of the Peace L. E. Pryor, who imposed a fine of \$100 and sentenced her to 90 days in the county jail, suspending the jail sentence for two years, on condition she refrain from delivering any more babies or giving any other type of treatment.

Report from our Investigation Department discloses the investigation and arrest of an individual using the name of Patrick Michael O'Hara, who was alleged to have violated Section 2141 of the Business and Professions Code. This man was said to have masqueraded as an officer in the United States Navy. Upon questioning by investigators, he first claimed graduation from Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, La., but later admitted that he had not attended any medical school.

† The office addresses of the California State Board of Medical Examiners are printed in the roster on advertising page 6. News items are submitted by the Secretary of the Board.